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Three Men Discussed For Washingtons' Place!

Two Aids Talked of as Logical Candidates for Presidency of Tuskegee Institute.

MAJ. MOTON MENTIONED

Warren Logan and Emmet J. Scott, Lieutenants of Negro Education for Years.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 4.—The question of a probable successor to Booker T. Washington as head of the Tuskegee Institute has been frequently discussed here since the funeral of Washington two weeks ago. While there is a desire among the supporters of the school to have a new president named soon, in order that there may be as little interruption as possible in the work of the institute, it is realized that the Board of Trustees having the matter in charge will wait a reasonable time before naming their selection, out of respect to the great Negro educator.

It is generally known that trustees are considering the matter informally with leading Negroes and with whites identified with educational problems. The desire to have the various points of view before making a decision is commented upon as showing that the board realizes and does not intend to select a successor until it has given the whole field a careful study. A definite decision is expected here, however, some time before the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees next February.

Discussion of Candidates.

In the meantime there is a great deal of unofficial discussion of the question by interested groups. It is generally agreed that the logical candidates are Warren Logan and Emmet J. Scott, who have for years been Dr. Washington's chief lieutenants, or that some outside man should be selected for his national reputation as a leader, educator and administrator, rather than for his intimate association with Tuskegee and its work. Maj. R. R. Moton, commandant at Hampton Institute, and Dr. Friswell's right-hand man there, is the only man spoken of as a candidate from this national field.

Logan came to Tuskegee in 1883, two years after its foundation, as vice principal and treasurer, and has given a very good account of himself. His work has kept him almost exclusively at the institute, and he is therefore not well known outside of the circle of people who are actively interested in Tuskegee.

Scott came to the institute nearly 20 years ago as private secretary to Dr. Washington, later being made secretary of the institute. No one who has followed his work there has anything but praise for the way in which it has been done. He has a wider acquaintance throughout the country than Logan, having been appointed by President Taft as special envoy to Liberia and having served as secretary of the National Negro Business League, a strong and growing organization started by Dr. Washington 15 years ago.

Newspaper Men Going to K. C.

Prospects Bright for a Large Attendance at The Quill Pushers Meeting in Kansas City This Month.

Newspaper Men and Women from Several States Expected to Be on Hand for Two Days Meeting of the Western Negro Press Association.

The meeting of the Western Negro Press Association in Kansas City on the 8th and 9th of this month promises to be a great success from a standpoint of attendance. Many editors and newspaper writers in several of the states have written expressing their intention to be on hand. Editor Crews, of the Kansas City Sun, who is making all local arrangements for the meeting, sends out the reassurance that all will be in complete readiness for the "Black Phalanx" of "quill pushers" which he expects to invade his city and that everything will be done to make them long remember their stay in the metropolis of the southwest. Those who expect to attend, and who have not already done so, should write Hon. Nelson C. Crews, editor of the Kansas City Sun, Kansas City, Mo.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EDITH CAVELL



A scene outside St. Paul's cathedral, London, after the memorial services for the British nurse martyred in Belgium. Among those present who came to pay homage to the memory of Miss Edith Cavell, representatives of every station in life, from the cozier to the king and queen of Great Britain, were present. A group of British Red Cross nurses acted as a guard of honor.

The Empty Stocking Fund

THE TULSA WORLD one of the daily papers of this city following its custom is appealing to the generous public to contribute to the "Empty Stocking Fund." This is a very laudable and commendable work and the Star hopes that the response will be as prompt and liberal as the cause is good, right and just. Those who are blessed with comfortable homes and full stockings for Christmas morning, would do well to remember the hundreds of unfortunates who will not feel the spirit of the blessed yuletide unless the good samaritans of Tulsa remember them. The World office is a depository for the "Empty Stocking Fund." This fund of course will be for the unfortunate white families of Tulsa.

Now the Star rises to offer its sanctum as a depository for the "Empty Stocking Fund" for the unfortunate Colored families of Tulsa.

Without taking a single penny from the funds intended for the unfortunate white families, we hope the general public, and especially the friends of the unfortunates, to respond liberally to this fund.

There are quite a number of poor families in Tulsa, white and Colored, but a deal more Colored, and we want to see every one of them made happy Christmas morning—if a big Christmas basket will make them happy.

Please help the cause and thereby increase your own happiness for Christmas morning.

Make all checks to The Tulsa Star with a notation "For Empty Stocking Fund."

If you have anything else to give, phone 931 will bring a boy for it.

PEACE MAKER LOSES HIS LIFE.

Another tragedy was enacted on the corner of Greenwood and Archer last Sunday night when Henry (Gander) Whitman was shot and almost instantly killed by Mary White. The woman had some words with Joe Taylor, a keeper of a restaurant on the corner of Archer and Greenwood, and went out, returning in a short while with a revolver. "Gander" met her at the door and attempted to keep her from re-entering the place. A shot rang out and the would-be peace-maker ran across the street and fell with a bullet through his jugular vein. The White woman is now in the county jail.

Lost you forget—we say it yet—you can get four magazines for one year by renewing your subscription to The Star. We want all of our old subscribers to get these magazines. We are selling The Star with four magazines all one year for only \$1.18.

Great Curiosity is This "Thing"

Dermoid Cyst Now On Exhibition in the Star Office Attracts Many Curious Women and Some Men.

The Tulsa Star of last week published a story of a wonderful surgical operation performed on a Tulsa woman by Dr. L. H. Johnson, a Colored physician of Coweta, extracting a "dermoid cyst" which had been confined in the woman's abdomen for 15 years, and informing the public that the little specimen of humanity had been left in the Star office to be shown to any one who wanted to see it. Since the last issue of the Star fully 1500 people have visited the office to see the little "curiosity" and they are still coming. Although this incident or the publication was not intended for an advertisement, it

shows conclusively that it pays to advertise.

Subscribe Complaints of Frisco Train Service

Dear Mr. Editor—Allow me space in your paper to tell of my experience on the Jim Crow train between Okla. City and Tulsa.

When I boarded the train I had a severe headache. I found on the train several ladies of very refined appearance, and enough men to fill up the coach, except the four seats in the rear, two of them were occupied by the conductor and his outfit and the other two were occupied by the porter with his hand bag locked to the arm of one of them. So my friend and I finding the porter out on the platform we took him two seats as all of the others were occupied. I shall now endeavor to give you a description of this dirty inadequate one third of a coach. It was as filthy as a hog pen and as hot as the hives of a lower region, one toilet not fit for a respectable man for the use of both men and women. The conductor and butch both used it and each time left the seats covered with water. The coach was full of tobacco smoke. The conductor smoked his cigarettes on the back seat and half of the men in the coach were smoking cigars, others pipes, which could almost walk alone, and cigarettes, imitating the conductor. As smoke always intensifies my headache I said please Mr. Conductor, have we not a ladies coach on this train, the fumes from this smoke is killing me, and these ladies are very much dissatisfied with such treatment and feel that they ought to have better accommodation. His reply was that "the company does not furnish smoking cars for niggers, and if you don't like this fare you can get off."

I want to say right here: I wonder why there are not more outlaws among our people. Such law as the Jim Crow law is designed to make outlaws of our women as well as Mr. White Man loves him; ours are insulted, abused and have to associate with men using the same toilets and are compelled to sit in smoking coaches filled with the fetid smoke that comes from the mouths of the conductor, butch, and that class of Colored fellows that have no respect for their women, what fair minded man, born of free parents, would approve of such treatment. We pay first class fare, why not first class accommodations?

I would rather be a dog and live on the mercurial vapor of a dungeon than to be a man and stand such treatment

H. BOOKMAN PAYS PENALTY Goes to Death Chanting Prayer For His Weary Soul

We must demand fair play in this us we will take it in time, if it is necessary for every Colored man in Oklahoma to shed his blood for that purpose. The laws of the state provides that the accommodations for the races shall be equal on railroad trains. All we ask is that the laws be enforced.

It never was intended by Almighty God for one race of people to forever keep another in subjection by denying it of those God given rights, the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If that be true the day of reckoning is sure to come. It may come from within, but if not it is sure to come from without. And when it does there will not be one self respecting race loving Colored man in to fight for thisshrdl cmfwyp cmfwy the South that will take up arms to fight for this white man's country, with its boasted civilization. I do not doubt Haiti with her undying love for this white man's country may come to her relief for the same forces are at work in Haiti today that have brot about our undoing, and it will only be a question of time before Uncle Sam with all his prejudices against our people will be treating the citizens of Haiti like he treated the Colored people of the Southland.

A SUBSCRIBER.

In a Conversation to the Editor of the Tulsa Star Over the Telephone, Governor Williams Says He Did Not Believe the Condemned Man Was Insane—and Even if He Was "I Am Going to Show the People of this State That I Meant What I Said in My Campaign."

At an early hour yesterday morning in the state prison at McAlester, a Colored man, Henry Bookman, paid the death penalty in the electric chair for the killing of Richard Hardy, a white man, at Eufaula, on the 2nd day of April, 1915. Bookman was the first man to die in the electric chair in Oklahoma, and the first to be legally put to death in any manner since Gov. Cruce was inaugurated more than four years ago. Gov. Cruce was opposed to capital punishment, and never allowed the death sentence to be carried out during his administration. Gov. Williams, however, seems to be void of that high sense of Christian duty which actuated his predecessor, since he made his campaign on the capital punishment policy.

The editor of the STAR called the Governor by phone Wednesday morning to find out if the Chief Executive intended to allow the death penalty to be inflicted. Following is the conversation which took place between Governor Williams and Editor Smitherman:

Ed. "Hello, Governor."
Gov. "Hello."
Ed. "How are you feeling this morning?"
Gov. "Who is this?"
Ed. "This is the editor of The Tulsa Star."
Gov. "Oh, yes; well, I'm feeling alright. How are you?"
Ed. "Fairly well. Governor, I have called you to find out if you will extend executive clemency in the case of Henry Bookman, who is to be put to death Friday morning."
Gov. "I haven't yet."

Ed. "That much I know, Governor; but do you intend to?"
Gov. "I know of no reasons why I should."

Ed. "It is claimed by some, Governor, that Bookman is insane and—"

Gov. "Yes, they all pretend to be insane after they are convicted and sentenced to die, you know. I have talked to parties about him and I don't believe he is insane, but of course, it's enough to run him crazy."

Ed. "But Governor, do you think a sanity commission should pass on his case?"

Gov. "No, I do not think the taxpayers should be put to any further expense. Nothing has been brought to my attention to justify any action on my part."

Ed. "You would not permit an insane man to be executed would you, Governor?"
Gov. "Well, I don't know. It might be a good thing for society to execute some of these crazy fellows who have a mania for killing people."

Ed. "Then you will not intervene to save the man's life, even if he's crazy?"
Gov. "Oh, he's not crazy, and—well, I'm governor, and I'm going to show the people of this state that I meant what I said in my campaign."

With this the conversation between the governor and the editor ended. Bookman is a poor boy without money. John R. McBeth, Colored lawyer of Eufaula, was appointed by the trial judge to defend him and it is said made an excellent defense for his client under the circumstances.

Since that time he has done everything possible to save him from death but his best efforts have been in vain. Following is a brief history of the Bookman case:

Brief History of Bookman Murder Case.

Kings' Daughter Commend Negro Soldiers

American Negro Soldier Protects Himself With Rabbit's Foot Charm.

Paris, December 8th.—Mrs. E. S. Douglas, an American woman, in charge of hospital for wounded soldiers in Paris, France, writes thus of a recent visit to the hospital by the sister of the King of Belgium:

An incident of Queen Amelie's visit the other day was her noticing particularly our American negro, who was recently brought to the hospital. His black face showing above the red blanket presents a study in rouge et noir, his white teeth relieving it. The queen stopped at his bed and, after inquiring his nationality, said: "You were fortunate not to have been wounded in the head and to have kept your teeth," which made Brown smile wider than ever.

This colored man has become quite a character in the ambulance. I asked him how he, an American, happened to join the Foreign Legion and he said: "Well, they told me it would only last six months and I always did have a lot of curiosity, but I guess I got cured this time and earned that sou a day ducking the bullets."

"Why," he said, "that gas comes in three varieties; the kind that comes in black clouds, another that comes in yellow-greenish clouds, and in bombs, the kind that hit my back. Any of them will turn a white man blacker than me."

When I told him he was lucky to be alive, he said:

"Lucky! Why I've always lucky. You see there ain't no charm like the left hind foot of a rabbit and I brought mine from good old America. That's why I happen to be here in his hospital, taken care of by Americans."

GRAND RECEPTION

Hotel Tulsa Employees Give Grand Reception Last Night at Gurley's

A "grand reception" in honor of the waiters, bellmen and porters of the Hotel Tulsa was given in the Gurley hall last night. The affair was well attended and has been pronounced the best of its kind ever staged in Tulsa. Music was furnished for the occasion by the Dreamland orchestra.

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